## Vocabulary in Context: The Devil and Tom Walker (REV.)

Using context clues, explain what the bolded word most likely means and explain how you came up with that conclusion — i.e. which word(s) in the sentence led you to that conclusion. This information is to come from your brain, NOT FROM YOUR PHONE OR THE TEXTBOOK!!! DO NOT WRITE "CONTEXT CLUES" AS YOUR EXPLANATION.

1. He <u>reposed</u> himself for some time on the trunk of a hemlock, listening to the boding cry of the tree toad, and delving with his walking staff into a mound of black mold at his feet.
What does the word mean?
How do you know?
2. Here they had thrown up a kind of fort, which they had looked upon as almost <u>impregnable</u> , and had used as a place of refuge for their squaws and children. What does the word mean?
How do you know?
3. His face was neither black nor copper color, but swarthy and dingy, and <u>begrimed</u> with soot, as if he had been accustomed to toil among fire. What does the word mean?
How do you know?
4. He thought, therefore, to <u>cultivate</u> a further acquaintance with him, but for some time without success.  What does the word mean?
How do you know?
5. He built himself, as usual, a vast house, out of <u>ostentation</u> but left the greater part of it unfinished and unfurnished, out of parsimony (greed). (Read this one carefully.)
What does the word mean?
How do you know?
6. This, however, is probably a mere old wives' fable. If he really did take such a precaution it was totally <b>superfluous</b> ; at least, so says the authentic old legend which closes his story in the following manner.
What does the word mean?
How do you know?
7. They lived in a <b>forlorn</b> -looking house that stood alone and had an air of starvation.
What does the word mean?
How do you know?
8. The old stories add, moreover, that the devil <u>presided</u> at the hiding of the money, and took it under his guardianship; but this, it is well known, he always does with buried treasure, particularly when it has been ill gotten.  What does the word mean?
How do you know?